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SUBJECT: CRAWFORD ARREST CASE

REF: MOSCOW 16682

1. JAY CRAWFORD CAME TO EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION ON JULY 25 TO REPORT THREE SEPARATE INCIDENTS OF HARASSMENT BY SOVIET POLICE IN VICINITY OF MOSCOW. ON JULY 21, HE WAS STOPPED BY A UNIFORMED OFFICER AND WARNED FOR NO APPARENT REASON THAT HE WAS CHANGING LANES RECKLESSLY. THE FOLLOWING DAY, HE WAS AGAIN STOPPED BY MILITIA OFFICER AND INFORMED THAT HE WAS COMMITTING "MALICIOUS AND DANGEROUS ACTS ON THE HIGHWAY," AND THAT HIS CONDUCT WOULD BE REPORTED TO MFA. ON SUNDAY, JULY 23, HE AND HIS FIANCEE, AN EMBASSY EMPLOYEE, RECEIVED HARASSMENT BY VOLUNTARY POLICE (DRUZHINIKI) AND A UNIFORMED OFFICER. THOUGH THEY WERE PICNICKING IN AN OPEN AREA, SOVIET POLICE OFFICERS TOLD THEM THAT AREA WAS PRESENTLY CLOSED TO FOREIGNERS.

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2. CRAWFORD ALSO REPORTED OBSERVING VERY HEAVY SURVEILLANCE.

3. CRAWFORD INFORMED CONSOFF THAT HE IS ALLOWING HIS FIANCEE TO DO ALL THE DRIVING, AND THAT HE WOULD NOT EVER TRAVEL ALONE. TOON

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